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SUBJECT: MAJOR PROJECTS: GAS GATHERING SYSTEM

REFS: A. LAGOS 4269, MAY 8

B. LAGOS 5267, JUNE 5

C. STATE 134183, JUNE 9

D. STATE 134181, JUNE 9

1. REF DE HAS OF COURSE ARRIVED TOO LATE FOR EMBASSY TO ALERT AKPE AND IBE TO PROSPECT OF VISIT TO TULSA AS GUESTS OF CE CREST ENGINEERING. MEPD OR CREST SHOULD CONTACT THEM ASAP AT UNIVERSITY OF OKLAHOMA (SEE REF A, PAR 6) AND PROPOSE VISIT. TELL THEM PROPOSAL IS DIRECT RESULT OF THIER INDIVIDUAL CONVERSATIONS WITH EMBOFF LOLLIS.

2. FYI: LARRY HOELSCHER, MANAGING DIRECTOR, PHILLIPS OIL COMPANY (NIGERIA) LTD., IS EXPECTED TO BE VISITING PHILLIPS HOME OFFICE IN BARTLESVILLE, OKLAHOMA, SOMETIME THIS WEEK OR NEXT. EMBASSY WOULD BE SURPRISED IF PHILLIPS HAS NOT INVITED AKPE AND IBE TO VISIT BARTLESVILLE THIS WEEKEND OR IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE COURSE IN NORMAN. AS MEPD AWARE, PHILLIPS CONTACT IS ROBER NAGEL (918/661-4305).

3. FYI: COMBUSTION ENGINEERING TEAM FROM ECO-DESIGN, CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS, WILL VISIT NIGERIA JUNE 13-27 IN CONNECTION WITH ENVIRONMENTAL PLANNING IN EAST CENTRAL STATE (SEE STATE 134108).

4. EMBASSY AGREES WITH MEPD VIES THAT CE GAS PRESENTATIONS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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LAGOS WOULD PROBABLY BE BETTER TIMED IF THEY CAME AFTER

CREATION OF NEW MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND ENERGY, BUT CE SHOULD BE GUIDED BY ADVICE OF AKPE AND IBE. EMBASSY CANNOT PREDICT WHEN MPE (AND FIVE OTHER NEW MINISTRIES) WILL BE CREATED, AND SHIFTS OF PETROLEUM PERSONNEL COULD TAKE PLACE AT ANY TIME, E.G. RECENT DEPARTURE OF TOP TWO NNOC MANAGERS (LAGOS 4823).

5. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT MEPD AWARE THAT MMP PERMSEC ASIODU NOW IN U.S. (LAGOS 5332). HE CANNOT BE EXPECTED TO MAKE KINDS OF SIDE TRIPS CE HAS IN MIDE FOR AKPE AND IBE, BUT INTERESTED COMPANIES MIGHT WANT TO ATTEND NIGERIAN-AMERICAN CHAMBER OF COMMERCE MEETING IN NEW YORK JUNE 17 WHERE ASIODU IS GOING TO SPEAK OR TO CONTACT HIM THERE. N.B. PLEASE CONTACT N-ACOFB BEFORE TELLING FIRMS ABOUT THE JUNE 17 MEETING BECAUSE IT MIGHT BE BY INVITATION ONLY.
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